

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1-35. (Previously Cancelled).

36. (Currently Amended) A cover for sealing an open-topped container comprising:

5 a piece of heat shrinkable film shaped and sized to cover the open top of said container and to have a downwardly extending portion around an upper rim of said container, ~~wherein~~ said piece of heat shrinkable film is being a film substrate that contracts when heated and which remains unchanged upon exposure to radiant energy, ~~further wherein~~ said downwardly extending portion ~~is adapted to include~~ including a first means to ~~absorb~~ convert the radiant energy to ~~transfer~~ heat to heat said downward depending portion ~~upon~~ when said first means ~~being~~ is exposed to a the radiant energy, such that ~~source wherein~~ said downwardly extending portion is heat shrunk ~~onto~~ around said container rim to form
10 a spill resistant cover upon exposure to a the radiant energy
15 ~~source.~~

37. (Previously Amended) The cover of claim 36 wherein said first means comprises adapting said film substrate to absorb energy by imparting opacity to the downwardly extending area.

38. (Original) The cover of claim 36 wherein said first means comprises said film having tint, said tint being adapted to absorb radiant energy.

39. (Original) The cover of claim 36 wherein said first means comprises a coating on said film said coating being adapted to absorb radiant energy.

40. (Original) The cover of claim 39 wherein said radiant energy absorbent coating is printed into said film.

41. (Currently Amended) A roll of heat shrinkable film for use in a device for forming spill resistant covers on open-topped containers, said roll comprising:

a plurality of severable pieces of heat shrinkable
5 film formed in a continuous web ~~film~~, each piece being shaped
and sized to cover the open top of said container and to have
a downwardly extending portion around an upper rim of said
container wherein said heat shrinkable film is a film
substrate that contracts when heated and which remains
10 unchanged upon exposure to radiant energy, further wherein
said downwardly extending portion is adapted to include a
first means to absorb the radiant energy to transfer heat to
said downwardly extending portion upon said first means being
exposed to the a radiant energy ~~source~~ wherein said
15 downwardly extending portion is heat shrunk onto said
container to form a spill resistant cover upon exposure to
the a radiant energy source.

42. (Original) The cover of claim 40 wherein said radiant energy is infrared radiation and said radiant energy absorbing coating is an ink.

43. (Previously Amended) The cover of claim 36 wherein said first means is a radiant energy absorbent coating material carried by the film substrate said radiant energy absorbent coating material being sufficiently opaque
5 to radiant energy thereby being able to absorb said radiant energy.

44. (Currently Amended) The roll of heat shrinkable film of claim 41 wherein said first means is a radiant energy absorbent coating material carried by the film substrate said radiant energy absorbent coating material
5 being sufficiently opaque to radiant energy thereby being able to absorb radiant energy.

45. (Currently Amended) The cover of claim 43 wherein said radiant energy absorbent coating is carried by specific portions of the downwardly extending portion of said film substrate forming a radiant energy absorbing layer at
5 those specific portions, and other portions of said film substrate are free of said radiant energy absorbent coating, and wherein upon said cover being exposed to the ~~a source of~~ radiant energy said portions free of radiant energy absorbent coating material transmit said radiant energy without
10 appreciable warming and said portions carrying said radiant energy absorbent coating material heat sufficiently to cause a shrinkage of said radiant energy absorbing coating material carrying portions of the film thereby effecting preferential shrinkage in a predetermined manner.

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46. (Currently Amended) The roll of heat shrinkable film of claim 44 wherein said radiant energy absorbent coating material is carried by specific portions of the downwardly extending portion of said film substrate
5 forming a radiant energy absorbent layer at those specific portions, and other portions of said film substrate are free of radiant energy absorbent coating material, and wherein upon said heat-shrinkable film being exposed to a source of radiant energy said portions free of radiant energy absorbent
10 coating material transmit said radiant energy without appreciable warming and said portions carrying said radiant energy absorbent coating material heat sufficiently to cause

a shrinkage of radiant energy absorbent coating material carrying portions of the film thereby effecting preferential
15 shrinkage in a predetermined manner.